

## **BISHNUPRIYA MANIPURI LANGUAGE**

According to the 2011 census, the number of Bishnupriya Manipuri language speakers in Tripura is 21716, which is 0.59% of the state's total population.

- In Tripura, the Bishnupriya Manipuri language is taught in the following schools as one of the subjects upto class VIII–

Name of the Language	Elementary Level (upto class - VIII)	
	Class I-V	Class I-VIII
Bishnupriya Manipuri	10	29

- Bishnupriya Manipuri language textbooks for schools are prepared in Bengali script. The Bishnupriya Manipuri language textbooks for class I-VIII are prepared by the Directorate of Kokborok & OML & these books are printed & delivered to schools free of cost by the SCERT.
- For the development of the Bishnupriya Manipuri language and also to promote literary activities in Bishnupriya Manipuri languages among the youth, college & university students the Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority Languages has been publishing “**CHINKEI**” literary magazine regularly.
- Apart from this, to encourage literary activities in the Bishnupriya Manipuri language and preserve the authentic & classic writings of the scholars of the Bishnupriya Manipuri language, the Directorate has published Bishnupriya Manipuri language books – “**LUPAK**” - **Poetry Book**”, “**LEIRUK**” – **Short Story Book** & “**SANKHIPTA PURAN SAMAGRA**” (in Bishnupriya Manipuri Language).
- To promote the overall development of the Bishnupriya Manipuri, the Directorate of Kokborok & OML organizes various workshops, seminars, and teachers’ training regularly. Since its establishment in 2012, this Directorate has conducted **13 such programs**, aimed at developing the Bishnupriya Manipuri language.